

*Adopt* calcium chloride, sodium chloride, potassium chloride and mixtures thereof.

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In Claim 2, line 1, delete "additional."

Please cancel Claims 3-6 and 10 without prejudice.

Please cancel Claims 8 and 9 and rewrite in independent form as new Claim 18:

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*Ad* ~~11/18~~ 18. A composition for deicing and inhibiting the formation of ice and snow on surfaces comprising from 25-99% by volume of desugared sugar beet molasses, 1-75% by volume of a component selected from a group consisting of sodium formate, calcium magnesium acetate, potassium acetate, ethylene glycol, di-ethylene glycol, magnesium chloride, calcium chloride, sodium chloride, potassium chloride and mixtures thereof and an anti-skid agent selected from a group consisting of sand, gravel, cinders, limestone aggregate, fly ash, river rock and mixtures thereof.

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In Claim 11, line 1, change "10" to --1--.

Please cancel Claim 12 without prejudice.

In Claim 13, line 3, prior to "sugar" insert --desugared--.

16 14. (Amended) A composition for deicing or inhibiting the formation of ice and snow on surfaces comprising a mixture of desugared sugar beet molasses and rock salt including from 8-10 gallons of desugared sugar beet molasses per ton of rock salt.

13 15. (Amended) A method of preventing the accumulation of ice or snow on a surface, comprising the step of spreading a composition including 25-99% desugared sugar beet molasses and 1-75% by volume of a component selected from a group consisting of sodium formate, calcium magnesium acetate, potassium acetate, ethylene glycol, di-ethylene glycol, magnesium chloride, calcium chloride, sodium chloride, potassium chloride and mixtures thereof on said surface.

16 16. (Amended) A method of removing ice or snow formed on a surface comprising the step of spreading a composition containing 25-99% desugared sugar beet molasses, 1-75% by volume of a component selected from the group consisting of sodium formate, calcium magnesium acetate, potassium acetate, ethylene glycol, di-ethylene glycol, magnesium chloride, calcium chloride, sodium chloride, potassium chloride and mixtures thereof and an anti-skid agent selected from a group consisting of sand, gravel, cinders, limestone aggregate, fly ash, river rock and mixtures thereof on said ice and snow